

Mourning Dove wintering in Vermont.— I have never known of a Mourning Dove wintering in this state, but on January 8, 1919, one was taken alive in Shaftsbury, Vt. It died the following day but was mounted and is now in the collection of Henry Bradford, Bennington, Vt.

Robins, Meadow Larks, and Sparrow Hawks are wintering in Bennington — a very unusual thing — due, I suppose, to the mildness of the winter and to the lack of snow.— LUCRETIVS H. ROSS, *Bennington, Vt.*

***Thrasaetos* versus *Harpia*.**— The generic name currently used for the Harpy Eagle is *Thrasaetos* Gray, because *Harpypia* Vieillot is preoccupied by *Harpypia* Illiger (Prod. Syst. Mamm. et Avium, 1811, pp. 118–119) for a mammal. Vieillot's name, however, was first spelled *Harpia* (Analyse Nouv. Ornith. Elém., 1816, p. 24; type by monotypy, *Vultur harpyja* (Linnæus), in which form, with one less syllable, it is according to the International Code of Nomenclature, not invalidated by *Harpypia*. Furthermore, the original spelling of the specific name of this species is *harpyja* (*Vultur harpyja* Linnæus, Syst. Nat., ed. 10, I, 1758, p. 86; Mexico); and the Harpy Eagle should, therefore, now stand as *Harpia harpyja* (Linnæus).

It may be worth while also to call attention to the fact that Swainson in 1827 spelled this generic name *Harpya* (Philos. Mag., new ser. I, No. V, May, 1827, p. 366); and that the generic name *Thrasaetos*, commonly attributed to G. R. Gray, is merely a manuscript name of Gray's, originally published by Bonaparte (*Thrasaetos* Bonaparte, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1837 (June 14, 1838), p. 108 [ex G. R. Gray MS.], type by monotypy, *Vultur harpyja* Linnæus).— HARRY C. OBERHOLSER, *Washington, D. C.*

The Status of the Generic Name *Archibuteo*.— The generic name *Archibuteo* Brehm has for long been in use for the Rough-legged Hawks. This name, proposed in 1828 by Brehm (Isis, XXI, No. 12, December, 1828, col. 1269), was based solely on the "Rauchfussbussard" and two nomina nuda, *Archibuteo planiceps* Brehm and *Archibuteo alticeps* Brehm; hence *Falco lagopus* Brünnich, to which from Brehm's later publications all these evidently must be referred, has been commonly considered the type of *Archibuteo*. In the original description, however, aside from the two pure nomina nuda, only the vernacular name without citation of authority or anything else that would serve to identify it, is given. The generic term *Archibuteo* is, therefore, certainly a nomen nudum at this place, as is clearly indicated by the International Code of Nomenclature and current practice. The earliest tenable citation for *Archibuteo* is in 1831 (Brehm, Handb. Naturg. Vog. Deutschlands, 1831, p. 38), when Brehm gives as the two included species, *Archibuteo planiceps* Brehm and *Archibuteo alticeps* Brehm, here fully described, both of which are synonyms of *Falco lagopus* Brünnich. Meanwhile, however, two other names were introduced for the group — *Triorchis* Kaup (Skizz. Entw.-Gesch. Natürl. Syst. Eur. Thierw.,